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The following services will be available for 2008 Tax Payments:

At the River Valley Bank Mosinee and Rothschild locations

Or

Internet – www.officialpayments.com

or

Telephone – 1-800-272-9829

Jurisdiction Code 6715

(For each of these options, the vendor applies a service charge.)

Or

You may mail your payment or drop off the payment in our drop box at the front door.

We will mail you a receipt. Make check payable to Village of Kronenwetter.

You can view your tax statement online at [www/co.marathon.wi.us/online](http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/online)

(You will need your PIN, address or legal description.)

2007 Late Lottery

Credit Applications

Home owners, who use the property as their primary residence and resided there since January 1 of the Year 2007, qualify for the Wisconsin State Lottery and Gaming Tax Credit.

In 2007, the D. C. Everest School District credit was \$93.65 and the Mosinee School District was \$81.03. You can check to see if you received the credit by looking at your Tax Statement or your Real Estate Payment Receipt.

- If you qualify for the credit and did not receive it, a Late Credit Application can be filed with the Department of Revenue. **The deadline is October 1, 2008.**
- If you moved into your home during 2007 but after January 1, you qualify **IF** the previous owner qualified.
- If you moved into your home during 2007 but after January 1 and the previous owner did not qualify, you should apply for the credit for 2008.

In all three cases listed above, call Dori Kopp, Treasurer, at the Municipal Center at 693-4200 extension 14 for the appropriate application form.

FIREWOOD ALERT

You can help stop the spread of pests and diseases to Wisconsin forests and neighborhoods.

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD

- Buy or use firewood that's been cut from local sources, near where you plan to burn it.
- Don't bring or buy firewood from outside of Wisconsin. Fines in excess of \$1,000 are possible.
- Inspect outdoor items and vehicles for gypsy moth egg masses or caterpillars before moving those items to a new location.

For more information about firewood restrictions:

1-877-303-WOOD (9663)
 dnr.wi.gov/invasives/firewood
 emeraldashborer.wi.gov

YARD WASTE SITE FALL HOURS

September, 2008—Wednesday evenings
 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays—8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October, 2008 –Saturdays Only

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday—November 1 and 8, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

9TH ANNUAL ELECTRONIC ROUNDUP

This year's roundup is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th at the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 301 Alderson St., Schofield from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

All of your electronic products will be accepted at a reasonable cost of 25¢ per pound. Console TVs cost \$15 regardless of size. The waste facility will accept Visa, MasterCard, check, cash or company purchase order.

The facility will also accept original printer cartridges for Therapy Dogs of Central Wisconsin and cell phones for the Special Olympics.

Businesses, schools or others with more than 20 units should call ahead: 715-693-7123.

Hazardous waste will not be accepted during the Electronic Roundup.

Guaranteed data destruction certificates are available upon request.

If you have questions call: 715-261-1900

RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE

Each homeowner is required to reduce the volume of waste going to Wisconsin landfills by recycling discarded household items. Items to recycle include: paper, plastic, glass, cardboard and cans. **Recycling is mandatory.**

Information on the recycling program is available at the Municipal Center at 1582 Kronenwetter Drive and our website www.kronenwetter.org. Recycling containers are available at the Municipal Center if you do not have two recycling bins (one container for paper, the other for most other recyclables).

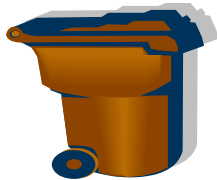
IF IT IS FOUND THAT HOUSEHOLDS ARE NOT RECYCLING, THERE IS THE RISK OF NON-PICKUP OF TRASH, PARTICULARLY IF RECYCLABLES ARE CONSISTENTLY FOUND IN WASTE CONTAINERS. WITH LANDFILL COSTS INCREASING, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO NOT RECYCLE. PLEASE DO YOUR PART. THANK YOU!

Halloween Trick or Treat hours for the Village of Kronenwetter will be Friday, October 31, 2008 from 4:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.

Free Halloween bags for the children to use trick or treating will be available at the Municipal Center during the month of October.

Placement of Garbage Carts

Garbage carts must be within 4 ft. to 6 ft. from the end of your driveway toward your home, and 4 ft. from any other object including recycling bins.



PICK UP AFTER YOUR ANIMALS

The Village has an ordinance which prohibits leaving animal waste on any road right of way and anyone's property. If you walk your dogs or ride a horse in the Village you are responsible to pick up its waste. Also just a reminder – both CATS and dogs need to be on a leash when not contained inside a dwelling or building or they must otherwise remain on your property.

A Message from the Building Department

Recently there have been several incidents of people building decks, yard sheds and remodeling basements without first obtaining a building permit. All of these projects require a permit and have local and state codes that govern them.

If you are planning a project of any kind, please call the building department before starting to determine if a permit is required.

The penalty for beginning a project without a permit is four (4) times the cost of the original permit fee. It is easier and more cost effective to call first and if needed, get a permit. Permits are calculated by the square footage with a minimum permit fee of \$30.

You may contact the building department by phone or email. 693-4200 or bill@kronenwetter.org.

I look forward to working with you on your building projects.

Fire Wardens

Kronenwetter Municipal Center
1582 Kronenwetter Drive
Mosinee, WI 54455

(Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m)

Alice Lilla
Happy Hollow Bar
570 Happy Hollow Road
Mosinee, WI 54455

(Call Alice @ 693-2160 for hours)

Elizabeth Sitko
3374 State Highway 153 E.
Mosinee, WI 54455

(Call Elizabeth @ 693-6672)

RECREATIONAL FIRE means any fire such as a campfire or cooking fire, not involving the burning of yard waste, located at a single-family or multifamily residence and used for the purpose of recreation and personal enjoyment. If used for this purpose, no permit is necessary and can be anytime. The following rules must be followed:

Someone must be present at the fire site at all times.

Fire must be totally distinguished before leaving area.

BURN BARRELS are prohibited in the Village of Kronenwetter.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS. Open burning on legal holidays and Sundays is prohibited.

THERMOMETER EXCHANGE CONTINUES

Bring in your mercury fever thermometers and exchange them for one digital thermometer at no cost while supplies last. Thermometers will be collected at the Kronenwetter Municipal Center Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTING MERCURY To transport your thermometers for recycling, please double bag them using zip-lock bags or contain them in a sealed plastic container. Please cushion items to reduce risk of breakage.

SCAMMERS BECOME MORE CREATIVE

Recently a Village resident received a letter, via email, which promises a chance to receive \$8,000,000 United States dollars from a Central Bank of Nigeria. To further assure the addressee that this is an actual bona fide and valid offer, the email has an instructional letter from the Director of the FBI, Robert Mueller, attached. As one might assume, the whole thing is a scam and intends to mislead the reader that this is validated by the Federal Government especially that of the FBI – which is the office that oversees investigations involving international internet crimes. The letter even offers a “letterhead type logo” of the FBI, along with the crest that also makes it look official and legit.

Believe me- in today’s society it is quite easy for anyone, anywhere in the world, to obtain/create very official looking graphics or letterheads which are intended to mislead the reader. The above mentioned email even had an official looking signature in Mr. Mueller’s signature block. Most likely, that was also some creative cut and paste from a .pdf document already available on the internet. Another indication that this letter was not on the “up and up” was the complex language and grammar used by the writers. Remember these types of scams are being perpetuated by people that are not English speakers and often times have to have someone translate for them. In many instances, nuances will be misconstrued and sentence structures, which we use as Americans, will be confused.

Simple indicators may also be present; for example, the “From:” addresses in the header may not coincide with the claimed source of the email. In the case of this particular email it states the source is the Federal Bureau of Investigations but then gives an earthlink.net account. Trust me- that is not a valid government address. Bottom line is that this letter, especially Mr. Mueller’s portion, is urging the reader to go ahead and get involved in this venture. I don’t believe that he, or anyone from the FBI, would get involved to this degree and in a matter of this nature.

Some points to remember and consider before becoming involved in a possible scam:

- Check the email addresses – if they are not consistent with current standards they are probably NOT from legit sources. In other words government offices like the FBI will not have an EarthLink, Yahoo or Hotmail address.
- Check the grammar and language – if the content of the letter sounds choppy or inconsistent with the way a traditional English speaking American would write and talk, it was probably written by a foreigner.
- If they ask for any type of bank or personal banking information or account numbers – DO NOT release any of this type of information.
- If you believe you have a scam, or are the victim of a scam, you can always report a suspected internet crime to the FBI at www.ic3.gov.
- Then delete the email; and in fact, you might want to block the sender.

And REMEMBER - If it sounds too good to be true – IT PROBABLY IS!

COMMUNITY ALERTS

The Kronenwetter Police Department is taking another step forward to keeping our community informed. We are creating an e-mail contact list that will be used to notify you with information such as: crime alerts, press releases, event notices, special bulletins, etc. All you need to do is e-mail us with your name and address at police@kronenwetter.org and let us know you want to receive community alerts. So whether you are a resident or non-resident, sign up today and keep informed as to what is going on here in Kronenwetter.



The Kronenwetter Police Department is looking for assistance in investigating the following crimes:

INCIDENT 1:

August 4, 2008 – MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT – MOTORCYCLE

A silver/black Yamaha motorcycle was stolen sometime overnight on August 4, 2008. The motorcycle had been parked on Interstate 39 on the southbound shoulder just north of the Maple Ridge #181 exit ramp.

INCIDENT 2:

August 2, 2008 – MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - TRUCK

A 2002 GMC Sierra 2-Dr Pewter truck was stolen from Forest Grove Avenue during the overnight hours. The truck has a hydraulic dump box in the bed.

If you have any information in regard to the above cases, please contact the Kronenwetter Police Department by phone at 715.693.4215 or by replying by e-mail. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Marathon County Crimestoppers. (800) 559-4203.

Bicycle Safety and Regulations

As a reminder, bicycles are considered subject to laws governing operation on roadways throughout Wisconsin. So if you are riding a bicycle you must obey all laws with regard to riding on the right side of the roads and stopping at stop signs. Also keep in mind that if you operate a bicycle during hours of darkness it must be equipped with lighting, front and rear. Also we encourage the use of safety helmets when riding your bicycle. If you do not have one, we still have some free helmets which were donated by ATC and can be obtained by contacting the police department. If you would like to view the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Code go to: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/lawbook.htm>.

Any questions regarding anything contained herein should be directed to Chief Dan Joling at 693-4215 ext 24.

PRIVATE WELLS

Property owners *within* the Water Utility boundaries (areas served with municipal water) with a private well are required to obtain a Private Well Operating Permit from the Kronenwetter Water Utility. We have received several complaints that point wells are being installed without obtaining a Private Well Operating Permit. Property owners without permits for these wells are in violation of Village ordinances and are subject to fines and penalties. State and municipal codes require that wells be abandoned if they do not have a valid permit, meet code requirements, or are not in use. The well permit regulations are intended to assure that unused and potentially dangerous wells are abandoned, and that there are no cross connections with the Utility water system.

A permit can be obtained to use a well for outdoor uses. The well must meet state code requirements and produce bacteriologically safe water. Please call the Water Utility at 693-5732 for more information.

All well abandonments must be done by a certified plumber or well driller. If you have your well abandoned, please forward a copy of the abandonment form to the Water Utility office as we need to have this form on file.

SEWER MAINTENANCE

All of the Kronenwetter Water Utility's wastewater is pumped to the Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage District (RMMSD) wastewater treatment plant. We must not only abide by the Water Utility's sewer ordinances, but also the RMMSD sewer ordinances. Dumping of automobile oil, gasoline, or other contaminants into the sanitary sewer system, is prohibited.

The municipal sewer system is equipped to handle normal sanitary waste. Sewer backups occasionally occur on a sudden and random basis. Cooking oil and grease should not be dumped down the drain as it can solidify in the cooler, deep sewers. Please do not use your toilet as an ashtray, wastebasket, or garbage disposal. **Please do not flush items such as cloth rags, disposable wipes and cleaning cloths (to include the new Swiffer type disposable cloths), plastic/latex products (including plastic tampon applicators and condoms) down the toilet.** These things should go into the wastebasket.

These items can clog pumps and valves in the lift stations creating backups and flooding into your basement. The Water Utility will not provide any compensation to property owners or renters for damage done by sudden and accidental sewer backups. We recommend that you add to your homeowner's insurance policy coverage for this hazard. Some companies offer coverage without additional cost, while others charge a modest fee. We also urge you to install a check valve in your basement floor drain. While this check valve requires periodic cleaning to insure proper working conditions, it can reduce the devastating effects of a sewer backup.

ALL WARDS VOTE AT THE KRONENWETTER MUNICIPAL CENTER

9/9/08 Partisan Primary

11/4/08 General Election

POLL HOURS ARE 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Voting will be held in the lower level of the Municipal Center. Please use the new front entrance of our building.

For First-Time Voters Who Wish to Register by Mail

COMPLETE EB-131 VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

(We will accept registration by mail 20 days prior to any election day.)

Acceptable Forms of Identification:

- A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, pay check, or government document that shows a current and complete name, including both the first and last name

Requirement-Provide a WI Driver License or other WI Dept. of Trans. (DOT) issued identification number. If you do not have a valid license, provide the last four digits of you social security number. If you have neither a WI Driver License nor a Social Security Number, check the appropriate box.

Voters Registering at the Municipal Center or on Election Day

Acceptable Forms of Proof of Residence

Must contain a current and complete name, including both the first and last name; and a current and complete residential address. Samples are:

- Wisconsin Identification card
- Current utility bills
- A university, college or technical institute fee card or identification card
- Real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year
- Bring another resident to vouch for the elector (Election Day)

Requirement-Provide a WI Driver License or other WI Dept. of Trans. (DOT) issued identification number. If you do not have a valid license, provide the last four digits of you social security number. If you have neither a WI Driver License nor a Social Security Number, check the appropriate box.

ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR NEW VOTER REGISTRATION

We will be open from 9:00 am to 12 noon on the following Saturdays for New Voter Registration: Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 and Saturday Oct. 25, 2008.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Any qualified elector who is unable to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote by absentee ballot.

To obtain an absentee ballot you must make a request in writing. You may request an absentee ballot by mail or you may vote by absentee ballot personally in the clerk's office before any election.

Marie Wonsil, CMC, WCMC

**NOVEMBER 4TH 2008 ELECTION
FOLLOW THE SIGNS FOR
PARKING AREAS**

We are on the Web!
www.kronenwetter.org

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PERMIT NO.
411 MOSINEE,
WI 54455

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE
VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER**

Kronenwetter Municipal Center
1582 Kronenwetter Drive
Mosinee, WI 54455

Phone: 715-693-4200

Fax: 715-693-4202

E-mail: kmc@kronenwetter.org

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

ATTENTION:

Walkers and Runners, please be aware that you are to run or walk against traffic, only bicycles, which are considered vehicles, ride with traffic.

If you know of any property owner who has not received a newsletter and would like one, or if you have any ideas or suggestions for information you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact Nichole Starr, Editor of the Village Newsletter.

**The Municipal Center will
be closed Thursday and
Friday, November 27th
and 28th**

RAKE IT OR LEAVE IT?

Rake it! Collect your leaves and take them to the municipal yard waste site. Never rake leaves into or near storm drains, ditches, creeks or the river. Decaying leaves use up the oxygen in the water, harming aquatic animals. Burning them near or on the street damages our community's infrastructure.

Leave it! Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower at next cutting. Leaves and grass clippings are great fertilizer for your lawn.

Or, rake it and leave it! Rake leaves into a compost pile for a nutrient-rich fertilizer to use on your garden next spring.

